

The Columbus Dispatch.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

JOINT COMMITTEE HERE WEDNESDAY

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE AND COLLEGE INSPECTED WEDNESDAY BY STATE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Law Makers Expressed Themselves As Being Much Pleased With Conditions and Pledged Their Support to the Institution.

The joint committee on colleges and universities from the house and senate, which left Jackson last Monday, for the purpose of visiting and inspecting the different State institutions, arrived in Columbus at noon Wednesday, having spent Monday and Tuesday at Oxford, where the State University was visited and inspected. Senator Malcolm Franklin is chairman of the joint committee and Representative Russell is chairman of the house committee, the remaining members being Senators Dean, McDowell and Seawright; Representatives Stennis, Hill, Bridges, Graham, McCall, Yates, Welbourne, Killingsworth, Robinson and Slough.

Upon arrival here the members of the committee were driven to the Hotel Gilmer, where apartments had been reserved for them. After having eaten dinner, they repaired to the college, and the afternoon was spent in a careful inspection of the various buildings, noting the condition of each and the repairs necessary to place the entire plant in first class shape. President Whitfield explained to the lawmakers the urgent need for the new buildings for which he has requested that provision be made, and impressed upon them the fact that he had asked only for improvements that are absolutely necessary.

On Thursday morning the committee attended chapel exercises in a body, and each member delivered a short address to the students. The speakers all declared that they had been favorably impressed with what they had seen and unreservedly endorsed the policy pursued by President Whitfield in his management of the school. They declared that a great work was being accomplished, and each one of the speakers promised to give the institution his cordial and enthusiastic support.

The members of the committee left at 10:40 o'clock Thursday morning for the A. and M. College, and after inspecting that institution will return to Jackson. Regarding the recent troubles at this institution, the committee refused to undertake any further investigations. By unanimous vote, the committee decided to endorse the action of the board of trustees and adopted a resolution declaring the action of this body to be final and conclusive. In pursuing this course the members of the committee evinced splendid judgment, and their action is heartily endorsed by the friends of the institution throughout the State.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore, who for some time past have been living at Courtland, Ala., have returned to Columbus to make it their future home, and are domiciled with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moore, on North Third Avenue.

The Millsaps Glee Club.

The Glee Club and Millsaps College at Jackson appeared at the chapel of the Industrial Institute and College last Wednesday night. The concert was given principally for the entertainment of the students of the local institution, who practically comprised the audience, very few town people having been present. A fine program was rendered, and the music was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The Fire Record.

The fire department was called out about eight o'clock last Wednesday morning by an alarm that was sent in from the residence of Misses Kate and Lena Hury, No. 215 North Market street. The fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Later in the afternoon on Wednesday the department was called to the home of Nettie Powell, a negro, living at the corner of South Eighth street and Ninth Avenue, to extinguish a blaze. Some loose paper hanging from the wall was ignited by coming in contact with the blazing coals in the grate, and the negro was badly frightened, but no serious damage resulted from the blaze.

The First State Bank Will Build

At a meeting of the directorate of the First State Bank which was held last Friday it was definitely decided to undertake the erection of the new building which has been in contemplation for several months past. The store house on the west of the present building has been purchased from Miss Edna Johnston and Mrs. Wright, the former owners, who received \$7,000 for the property. The bank already owns the Osborne building, which adjoins the banking house on the east, and by acquiring the store house formerly owned by Miss Johnston and Mrs. Wright will have a corner building with a frontage of 67 feet on Main street and running back 81 feet on Market.

The building to be erected will be three stories in height, and will be an absolutely fireproof structure of brick, stone and iron. The lower floor of will be divided into two apartments, the banking offices being located in the eastern apartment, which places these offices at the corner of Main and Market streets, the busiest and most important corner in the city. The apartment on the west will be rented for business purposes, and will be fitted up to suit the lessee. The second and third floors will be devoted to offices, and entrance to these offices will be through a lobby on the Market street side of the building.

The details of the plans have not yet been completed, and it is not known exactly what the building will cost. These plans are being made by Mr. W. C. Weston, of Birmingham, who designed the Brown-Max Building, the First National Bank Building, and other prominent structures in the Magic City, and who is considered one of the best architects in the South for structures of this character. The new building will be modern in all its appointments, and will be a credit to the city. Work will begin as soon as the plans can be completed and the contract for the construction of the building awarded.

State Prohibition Bill Passed.

The lower house last Friday passed a bill providing for State prohibition. The bill was adopted by a unanimous vote, the only question of debate having been the date on which the bill would become effective. Some of the most ardent prohibitionists wanted the law to go into effect June 1st, but December 31st, next, was the date finally decided upon. The bill will doubtless meet with some opposition in the senate, but it seems to be a foregone conclusion that it will finally pass that body by a safe majority.

Steamer American Left on Trip.

The steamer American left Friday night on her trip to Demopolis, Ala., and way landings. The cargo aboard the American was made up of large quantities of grain, fertilizer and cotton, it being one of the largest freight consignments in the history of the boat's business.

In Memoriam.

Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall, Tombigbee Lodge, No. 12.

Whereas, the Angel of Death has again visited our Castle Hall, and taken from our midst Brother E. N. Beard, transferring him to the great Lodge Hall beyond the skies, and

Whereas, Brother Beard was a faithful, worthy and consistent member of this lodge; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death Tombigbee Lodge No. 12 has lost a faithful member, who was always ready to perform his knightly duty; its members a kind and genial companion, ever ready to exemplify the friendship of Damon and Pythias and the teachings of our brotherhood; and this community a good, loyal citizen, whose removal from a field of usefulness is sincerely deplored by this lodge.

Resolved, further, That we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy, and counsel them to look on High for comfort and consolation; that the keeper of records and seal be instructed to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the family and that same be published in the newspapers of the city.

J. T. Stephenson,
D. L. Bailey,
K. J. Harrison,
Committee.

Dr. E. W. Morgan, a prominent physician of Memphis, Tenn., is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. J. R. Taylor, and his mother, who is ill at her home on The Highlands.

THE MYERS CASE TO BE APPEALED

CITY COUNCIL WILL APPEAL FROM VERDICT OF JURY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT WHICH GAVE PLAINTIFF \$1,000.

Council Gives Official Endorsement to Bill Prepared by City Attorney Sykes Providing for Renewal of Sixteenth Section Leases.

City Hall, Columbus, Miss., Feb. 4, '08
At a regular meeting of the council this date, present, the Mayor and Councilmen Weaver, Lincoln, Walker, McClannahan, Moore and Gardner.

The minutes of the last regular and called meetings were read and approved.

The marshal's report covering collections for the month of January, 1908, was read and summary of same ordered spread on the minutes as follows:

Fines, Mayor's court, \$	50.00
Water rents,	2,605
Privilege licenses,	328.75
General taxes,	19,875.22
Street taxes,	354.00
Sidewalks,	244.28
Postoffice rent, 4th quarter,	75.00
Rent ground "Gibson,"	17.00
Sale 3 city maps,	9.00
Received from county on maps,	259.00
Sale of old stove,	2.00
Pound fees,	13.00

Total,

The Treasurer's financial report for the month of January, 1908, was read and ordered spread on the minutes and is as follows:

1908—Bond Account.

Debit.

Jan. bal,

Credit.

Jan. 31, Krouse, J. P., \$

" Dimmick, P. Co.,

" Burkhalter,

" Kirkpatrick,

" Jacob, F. M., (Burkhalter),

" Fairbanks & Co.,

" Col. Mch. & Fd'y

" Co.,

" Krouse, P. J.,

" Bell Lumber Co.,

" (Kelley),

" Vadiver, M. C. (Kelley),

" Balance,

Water and Sewerage Account.

Debit.

Jan. 2, Dec. water rents, \$

Balance,

Credit.

Jan. 1, Balance,

" labor,

" repairs,

" incidentals,

General Account.

Debit.

Jan. 2, Dec. collect,

" Eggleston, T. A.,

Credit.

Jan. 1, Balance,

" 31 Fire Dept.,

" Gas, oil etc.,

" Streets,

" Salaries,

" Incidentals,

Balance,

School Fund.

Debit.

Jan. 6, Eggleston, T. A.,

District School,

Polis,

Credit.

Jan. 1, Balance,

" 31, buildings,

" incidentals,

" Superintendent and janitor,

" Teachers,

Balance,

The reports of the street commissioner, engineer of water works, and captain of police were read and ordered filed.

A petition from Dr. J. W. Lipscomb, asking that the sum of \$2.00 be refunded Cruse & Eastman, error in their assessment, was, on motion, allowed.

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BIG REDUCTION IN INSURANCE

COLUMBUS HAS RECENTLY BEEN RE-RATED—REDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT. GRANTED. SAVE \$10,000 A YEAR.

Reduction Was Secured on Account of Improved Fire Protection, and Further Improvements Will Insure a Still Lower Rate.

Columbus has recently been re-rated by the Mississippi Inspection and Advisory Rating Company, and as a result of the work a reduction of twenty per cent. has been announced in local insurance rates. This company is a regularly chartered corporation, organized under the laws of Mississippi for the purpose of rating rates in the different cities, and practically all of the companies doing business in this State abide by its decision. The reduction is a big thing for Columbus, as it means a saving of about \$10,000 each year on the insurance now in force here, and will enable property owners who were heretofore unable to carry insurance on account of the excessive rates to protect themselves against losses by fire.

The reduction was brought about through the efforts on the part of the local insurance agents and was based on recent improvements in our facilities for protection against losses by fire. These facilities are not yet what they should be, and additional improvements will result in bringing about further reductions in insurance rates. Take, for instance, the man of a family who owns a modest dwelling and who wants to keep it insured. If this be what is known as a "no exposure" risk, that is, if there is no other structure within 30 feet of the building, he would, under the old rating, have been compelled to pay \$18.00 per thousand on a three-year policy, and now the rate has been reduced to \$15.00. With a rigid enforcement of what is known as the standard building fire and electrical ordinance there would be a still further reduction, and the householder would be required to pay a premium of only \$13.50 per thousand on a three-year policy. An ordinance covering the requirements of the insurance companies regarding the installation of electric light wires was adopted by the city council several months ago, but it seems that this ordinance has never been rigidly enforced, and in order for the above mentioned reduction to be secured it would be necessary to enforce the requirements of the insurance companies regarding the construction of flues and chimneys. These requirements stipulate that all chimneys shall be made of brick from the ground up, while in many buildings these requirements are not complied with, the kitchen chimneys, as a general thing, being on wood foundations and connecting with the stove pipe at the roof.

There are other improvements in the fire department and additional protective methods which, if inaugurated, would insure a further general reduction in rates, but these improvements would necessitate quite a large sum of money, and can hardly be undertaken at any time in the immediate future. There are three things which would be necessary to put Columbus on the list of cities of the first-class, and thus secure the minimum rate on risks of every character. These would be the installation of a duplicate main connecting the city with the pumping station, the extension of the fire alarm system so as to include every section of the city, and the establishment of an additional fire station in East Columbus. These improvements, as above stated, would necessitate the outlay of a considerable sum of money, and cannot be undertaken just now. Columbus is growing steadily, however, and they will come in time.

In a few instances rates have been advanced. These instances, however, are exceptional, and the advance was necessitated in every case by an increase in the hazard. Most of the property owners and the occupants of buildings who had their rates advanced, can secure reductions by installing safeguards suggested by Mr. Carr, the representative of the Advisory Rating Company, who re-rated the city.

Mr. John J. Carman, of Tupelo, is in the city today, a guest of his brother, Mr. W. H. Carman.

Teachers for the Philippines.

Prof. S. M. Nash, county superintendent of education, has received from Maj. Frank McIntyre, assistant chief of the bureau of insular affairs, a communication giving notice of examinations which will be held at an early date for the purpose of securing eligible for appointment to positions as teachers and assistant superintendents in the schools of the Philippine Islands. These positions are considered very desirable, as the salaries range from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per annum, and expenditure is not necessary. The government has found that character, better education and education count for more than actual teaching experience, and for that reason examinations that any intelligent person possessed of a fair education can stand, are given.

Examinations will be held at Meridian, Greenville and Vicksburg, on March 12th, and parties desiring to stand same can secure all necessary information from the postmaster in any of these cities. There may, perhaps, be a number of young men and women in this county who would like to secure positions which are lucrative, and this information is given for their benefit.

Big Four Gets Old Reliable.

According to an article which appeared in the New Orleans Times-Democrat of Thursday, the Big Four has acquired control of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, having purchased the interest of the Southern Railway in that line. It is stated that the deal has consummated and that formal transfer of the property will soon take place.

With the purchase of the Mobile & Ohio and the completion of a stretch between Nashville and Louisville, which is now in course of construction, the Big Four will have a direct line from Chicago to New Orleans, and it is said that through trains will be operated between these points. The Big Four is owned by the Vanderbilt system, and the newly acquired property will not only afford a direct run from the Lakes to the Gulf, with two stopovers on the latter body of water, but through the Michigan Central and Lake Shore will open up unsurpassed connections with New York and the northeastern seaboard.

Little Jettie Stephen Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stephen have the sympathy of numerous friends in the death of their sweet little daughter, Jettie, which occurred at their home on Main street at an early hour Thursday morning. The little girl was one year old, and her death resulted from pneumonia. The funeral took place at the family residence at ten o'clock Friday morning, having been conducted by Rev. J. W. Shoff, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist church.

Death of Little John Foreman.

Little John, the infant son of Mrs. and H. C. Foreman, died at the home of his parents on Bell Avenue at five o'clock last Thursday morning, his death having resulted from a gripe. The bereaved parents have the heartfelt sympathy of numerous friends in their loss and affliction. The funeral took place at the family residence at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, having been conducted by Rev. J. L. Pope, pastor of the Second Methodist church.

Wreck on the M. & O.

The southbound passenger train on the main line of the Mobile and Ohio was wrecked at Malden last Friday. The wreck occurred at noon, and was caused by some defect in the locomotive attached to the train, which left the track, having been followed by the mail car, the baggage car and the second class coach. Only one person, the white fireman whose name could not be learned, was hurt. His injuries, however, are rather serious. Mr. Jas. A. Stinson, of this city, was a passenger on the train, but escaped uninjured.

Mr. James Newby, Jr., manager of the Columbus Theater, has returned from Atlanta, where he went to attend a meeting of the different theatrical managers of the South. The meeting resulted in the formation of the Southern Theater Manager's Association, the object of which will be to secure a larger number of high class attractions and improved theatrical conditions in the South generally.

Attention is called to the change of ads of The Columbus Hardware & Furniture Company and H. C. Welfield.

SEEK DIVISION OF HOSPITAL PLANT

DR. JNO. E. DAVIS FILES BILL IN CHANCERY ASKING THAT THE COLUMBUS HOSPITAL BE SOLD FOR DIVISION.

Dr. T. H. Henry, Mrs. Kate H. Crigger and Mrs. Carrie L. Melton, Joint Owners With Dr. Davis, Are Named as Defendants.

Dr. Jno. E. Davis has filed a bill in chancery praying that the court issue an order compelling the sale of the Columbus Hospital and that the proceeds of the sale be divided among the owners. The bill, which was filed by Hon. J. E. Landrum as referee, has plaintiffs named as defendants. Dr. Jno. E. Davis, Mrs. Kate H. Crigger and Mrs. Carrie L. Melton, Joint Owners With Dr. Davis, Are Named as Defendants.

After describing the property in detail, the bill prays for the sale of the entire plant, including the building, the ground on which it is located, the furniture, fixtures and all equipment, including medical instruments. It is not asked by plaintiff that the business of all concerned must be continued and maintained by offering the property for sale at public auction, and the court is asked to appoint a referee to sell the property as above set forth and send it to a trustee or trustees to be appointed by the court, and under said trustee or trustees to be provided by the trustee, and divide the proceeds among the parties in the manner and to the extent of the said bill hereinafter set forth.

The bill is of a friendly nature, having been instituted merely as a means of securing a just and equitable division of the property. Col. William Baldwin, who has been retained to represent Mrs. Crigger, and stated that he had not yet prepared an answer to the bill. He stated, however, that he did not think his client would offer opposition, and as neither Dr. Henry or Mrs. Melton have retained counsel it seems that the suit will not be opposed.

River News.

The steamer American has been making a series of short trips during the past week, having made frequent runs to Gregory, Ala., and other harbors adjacent to Columbus. The steamer has been at a high water, and the American has been well patronized, having brought a goodly amount of cotton and sugar seed to Columbus, and having been well loaded with miscellaneous freight on her return trips down the river.

If the state of the river permits, the steamer New Haven will leave Mobile for Columbus tomorrow, and will arrive here some time during the week. Capt. H. S. Miller, who is well known in Columbus, is in charge of the boat as captain, and will receive a cordial greeting from his numerous friends here.

Little Boy Foundly Hurt.

Ernest Nester, a little five-year-old boy who is an inmate of the Holmes Orphanage, had the misfortune to fall and break his leg last Thursday. When the accident occurred the little fellow, together with a number of other boys, was playing near a ditch and fell in, having broken his leg in the fall. He was taken to the Columbus Hospital, and is doing as well as could be expected.

Hackerman Bound Over.

Henry Hackerman, who is accused of having shot and killed Mr. Thomas Sear, near Mobile, Ala., on January 20th, had a preliminary hearing before Judge Bradley at Vicksburg last Wednesday, and was bound over to the sum of \$1,000 to await the action of the grand jury. It is understood that Hackerman has been unable to make bond and is still in jail.

Mr. Robert E. McDonald, of Memphis, Tenn., spent a few days in this city the past week, a guest of Mr. M. E. Taylor.

Phone Tapers in City.

Case Brothers, the well known piano tuners of Meridian, Miss., are again in the city. Leave orders at Taylor's Music House for your piano tuning, rebuilding or rebuilding. First-class work guaranteed. Tel. 613-2-3-25.